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**THE WEATHER**  
Forecast for Virginia: Partly cloudy weather; no change in temperature; variable winds.

## OLNEY CALLS A HALT.

**Says Congress Has No Right to Declare Cuban Independence.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary of State Olney springing a decided sensation to-day by giving out a statement in which he declares that, even if passed, the Senate's resolution to recognize the independence of Cuba would be inoperative on the executive.

The Secretary's declaration is in effect a notification to Congress that the executive will not be influenced by the action of that body in its policy toward the Cuban affair. It also gives rise to the belief that so far as the present executive is concerned there is no hope of the recognition of the independence of the insurgents during the term of the present administration. It also constitutes a direct and formidable issue between the executive and legislative branches of the Government.

In the course of his statement, the Secretary says:

"I have no objection to stating my own view of the question respecting the independence, so-called, of Cuba which, it is reported, is to be laid before the Senate on Monday. Indeed, as there are likely to be serious misapprehensions regarding such resolution, both in this country and abroad, and as such apprehensions may have injurious results of a grave character, it is perhaps my duty to point out that the resolution if passed by the Senate can probably be regarded only as an expression of opinion by the eminent gentlemen who vote for it in the Senate, and if passed by the House of Representatives, can only be regarded as another expression of opinion by the eminent gentlemen who vote for it in the House.

The power to recognize the so-called republic of Cuba as an independent State rests exclusively with the executive. A resolution on the subject by the Senate or by the House, or by both bodies or by one, whether concurrent or joint, is inoperative as legislation and is important only as advice of great weight voluntarily tendered to the executive regarding the manner in which he shall exercise his constitutional functions. The operation and effect of the proposed resolution, therefore, even if passed by both houses of Congress by a two-thirds vote, are perfectly plain. It may raise expectations in some quarters which can never be realized. It may inflame popular passions both in this country and elsewhere, may thus put in peril the lives and property of American citizens who are residents and traveling abroad, and will certainly obstruct and perhaps defeat the best efforts of this Government to afford such citizens due protection. But except in these ways and unless the advice embodied in the resolution shall lead the executive to revise conclusions already reached and officially declared, the resolution will be without effect and will leave unaltered the attitude of this Government toward the two contending parties in Cuba."

The impression here is that Secretary Olney's statement pointing to the lack of legal effect of the passage of the Cameron resolution was called forth by a desire to minimize the danger of an outbreak in Spain on the part of the excited populace which is, perhaps, more imminent than is generally realized by the citizens in this country. Nothing less than some such emergency, it is argued, would induce the Secretary to depart so widely from his usual practice of refusing to comment publicly on foreign relations, particularly during the absence from Washington of the President. Of course, the latter is committed by the declaration of the first officer of his cabinet to the view that Congress has no constitutional authority to recognize the independence of Cuba, for anything more than this assertion of power on his part would be construed as a repudiation of the action of the Secretary and would probably cause a disruption of the Cabinet.

Of course, Secretary Olney's statement indicates clearly that if the joint resolution ever passes both houses of Congress and is sent to the President the latter will veto it, not only on the ground of impolicy, but also because it constitutes an infringement of his own prerogatives. Moreover, the Secretary in his interview goes beyond this point and in almost as many words says that no attention will be paid to the will of Congress in this matter even if the resolution is passed over the President's veto.

In this case a grave conflict of powers of two branches of the Government might be expected to follow, though just how the issue may be made up so that it can be reached by the supreme court, the arbiter of all questions of constitutionality, is not clear at present. It is suggested, however, that if the issue goes to that length, Congress may achieve its purpose indirectly by the exercise of a power certainly confided to it exclusively by the constitution—namely, by a declaration of war.

The pointed way in which Secretary Olney expressed himself and the half sarcastic tone of his language rather took the breath from many of the Senators and representatives and gave rise to endless discussion.

Senator Chandler said that the statement by Secretary Olney was extraordinary.

"Before a resolution is reported from a committee," he said, "before it is passed by the Senate, before it is passed by the House, the Secretary issues a statement saying if you pass it by both houses it will be vetoed, if passed by two-thirds majority over the veto it will be denied."

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## FOUGHT SIX BATTLES.

Havana, Dec. 19.—The column of Gen. Rey, consisting of 2,000 infantry and 300 cavalry, and two companies of artillery, sustained six hot combats while acting as a convoy for provisions destined for Bayamo. Near Peralejo, they met the bands of insurgents commanded by Calixto Garcia. The insurgents left thirty-five killed and one wounded on the field. A prisoner was captured with what are believed to be important documents. Of the troops, three officers and fifteen soldiers were killed and three officers and 100 soldiers wounded.

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"Yes, worse than Andrew Johnson," assented Senator Chandler, "and a Cabinet officer issuing such a statement should be subjected to the severest censure.

The idea of announcing in advance that the President will not carry out the expressed will of two-thirds of Congress is most reprehensible."

Senator Daniel, member of committee on foreign relations.

"The proposition of Secretary Olney is preposterous."

The Senator was not at the meeting yesterday and when asked concerning his position said:

"I am not ready to say I favor the resolution. I am in favor of recognizing belligerency, but as to the independence I desire to study the question."

Mr. Culom, of Illinois, a member of the Senate committee on foreign relations:

"I voted for the Cameron resolution in committee because it seemed the best thing we could do was to adopt that measure. I did not fully approve it, but I will be ready to support it in the Senate unless some one proposes a better measure."

Senator Perkins, of California:

"I am not one of those who approves the Cameron resolution. I generally approve of the course of the Cuban question that has been taken by Senator Hale."

"The Secretary," said Senator Morgan, former chairman and now the ranking Democratic member of the committee on foreign relations, "takes very high ground and he cannot maintain his position."

"I cannot conceive," said Senator Blanchard, "that Secretary Olney could have given utterance to the statement attributed to him. What Congress without the power to order the recognition of Cuban independence? If this authority does not exist in Congress it exists nowhere."

Senator Frye, of the committee on foreign relations:

"I have no doubt that a majority of the committee believe that if the resolution is passed by two-thirds vote over the veto of the President, it would then become a law that the executive would be compelled to execute it as he is any other United States statute book."

Mr. Dingley, of Maine, who stands next to the Speaker in the leadership of the House, when asked for his views upon the Cameron resolution said:

"I have always believed that it was the best policy for Congress to leave diplomatic matters to the proper department of Government. When the legislative branch of the Government attempts to interfere with the diplomatic there are likely to be serious errors committed."

Representative Pearson, of North Carolina, of the foreign affairs committee of the House:

"Mr. Olney's interview surprises me more than did the action of the Senate committee on foreign relations. It tone of assumed infallibility, not to say of arrogance, is likely to intensify the feelings and add to the force and number of the extremists in both Houses."

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## THE CREW RESCUED.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Wilson Line steamer Colorado, Captain Whitton, which arrived to-night from Hull, fell in with the Gloucester fishing schooner Fredonia, Captain Morgan, in a disabled condition and took off the captain and crew of twenty and brought them to this port. Captain Morgan said that he left Boston December 12, with a crew of twenty-three for the banks to fish for cod. The schooner sank after abandonment.

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## THE TIN PLATE TRUST.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Tin plate manufacturers will hold a meeting next Tuesday, at which they will consider the question of advancing prices, ask Congress to make changes in the wage scale and confer with a committee of jobbers. The manufacturers will also devote considerable time to considering the tariff, and will appoint a committee to go to Washington at the special session of Congress, if one shall be called.

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## BARGAIN.

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## AS VIEWED IN SPAIN.

**Those Resolutions Have Created a Genuine Sensation.**

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Madrid, Dec. 19.—The decision of the United States Senate committee on foreign relations to report Senator Cameron's resolution for the recognition of the republic of Cuba, has caused a great sensation here. The newspapers enlarge upon the significance of the joint resolution, compared with the current resolution, and reproach the Government and especially the Spanish minister at Washington for having been overconfident.

A foreign office official in an interview today with a representative of the Associated Press said that while the Government regrets the action of the Senate it does not think that a collision with the United States will follow, as the time clashing before the House can adopt the Senate resolution will "serve to calm the hasty thinkers in the United States and moderate the noisy patriots of Spain, who will doubtless indulge in the same kind of talk as the jingoes in America."

He added:

"In case the House concurs in the Senate resolution, President Cleveland's declared policy, as shown in his message to Congress, and in Secretary Olney's statement, backed up by a majority of the people of the United States, can be relied upon in Spain to prevent hostile action.

The talk of the newspapers of Madrid and New York cannot be accepted as representing government policy or desire. For instance, the statements in the press that Senator Canovas has been sounding the European powers regarding the support they might extend to Spain in case of war with the United States is absolutely untrue. Naturally Spain has the sympathy of several of the powers, as the question of the United States intervention in Cuba may to-morrow be a question of similar interference in Martinique, Saint Thomas or Jamaica. But Senator Canovas has not taken a step to seek support for Spain. He has never believed that the matter would become a question of war, and he and the Duke of Tetuan (the minister of foreign affairs) have been acting with unceasing prudence, avoiding every possible thing that might lead to serious complications. Senator Canovas has unbounded confidence in Minister Taylor, and he has belief in the official professions of United States friendship. Mr. Taylor and the Duke of Tetuan are warm friends. Fortunately the cortes does not assemble before April, so the situation is shorn of possible embarrassments to the government from the fervidness of Spanish patriotism. The situation is not alarming, as I do not believe that America will go further than wild talk."

The resolution has re-awakened indignation, and is looked upon as proving that the attitude of the Americans is regarded by the populace as making war almost inevitable. Spain seems to be prepared for the worst, and is appealing to international sentiment to condemn America.

The Spanish press is divided in its opinion on the subject.

The Epoca, ministerialist, considers the adoption of the resolutions as doubtful, owing to "the contradictory wording including the independence of Cuba and friendly peace offices in one resolution."

The Epoca also thinks that President Cleveland will veto the resolution if passed, and that "it will thus have a weakening effect."

The Nacional condemns what it classifies as the "unpatriotic attitude of the Spanish press" in attacking Captain General Weyler and other Spanish generals, claiming this hurts their prestige with the army.

But the Nacional considers that war between Spain and the United States is impossible "even should the resolution be adopted," owing to the "disastrous effect which it would have upon American finances." It thinks that Americans "only

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## THE SPANISH PREMIER

**Does Not Believe Congress Will Pass the Resolution.**

Madrid, Dec. 19.—Senor Canovas del Castillo, in an interview to-day said that he knew yesterday, through the medium of cablegrams received from Minister de Lome that a resolution looking to the independence of Cuba would be adopted by the United States Senate committee on foreign affairs, but he does not believe that Congress will eventually pass a resolution of this character. Even though public opinion may influence the American Congress, Senor Canovas expresses a doubt whether it will be able to influence the other branches of the United States Government and President Cleveland.

Spain so far, according to Premier Canovas del Castillo, is satisfied with the situation. Senor Canovas del Castillo was of the opinion that Secretary of State Olney had supported the cause of international law with wisdom. The holidays, he thought, would give Congress time for reflection.

Senor Canovas del Castillo made the significant and important statement during the course of the interview that the recognition of the belligerency, and even the independence of the Cuban insurgents, need not necessarily be considered as a step toward the recognition of the Cuban Republic, but he thought any such action on the part of the United States Government could not fail to have its effect upon the Spanish nation. The government of Spain, he insisted, however, would determine for itself what course to pursue. Energetic action would not be lacking, he added, but he thought that it was necessary that the government's action should not be embarrassed by manifestos.

In another interview obtained by the Associated Press from Senor Canovas del Castillo, the president of the council expressed himself as believing that the warlike attitude of the American politicians and certain classes of citizens and sections of the press was explainable only in the light of their absolute ignorance of the true state of affairs in Cuba. According to the prime minister, the people of Cuba have always received special favors from the mother country, instead of tyrannical acts, as imagined by the Americans. If the former administration of affairs in Cuba was immoral, continued Senor Canovas del Castillo, it was a fault largely of the Cubans who received the principal benefit from the dishonesty of governmental employees from the peninsula. The government is seriously disposed to grant satisfactory powers of self administration to Cuba on the submission of the insurgents, he explained. The rebels, he added, do not want reforms, but independence. This fact, he thought, was perfectly evident when Senator Cameron's resolution, pronouncing for the independence of Cuba, was introduced. Senor Canovas del Castillo said that Spain would succumb voluntarily. In conclusion, he said that Spain was preparing against all eventualities. Should matters require the assembling of the cortes the government will instantly summon the members of the Spanish parliament together, and in case of a great national struggle he thought that all Spaniards would become as one party for the purpose of defending the national honor.

Ambassador Hannis Taylor, during the course of an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press said that he attached slight importance to the resolution offered by Senator Cameron, and ordered reported favorably by the United States Senate committee on foreign affairs. He thought the probable result would be a friendly understanding between the American and Spanish governments, and that this would ultimately lead to a guarantee by the government of the United States for the Cubans of a satisfactory system of self administration.

Admiral Beranger, minister of marine, has wired instructions to the government and to all private shipbuilding yards to hasten forward to completion all the warships now in course of construction. He received replies to the effect that all of these orders would be carried out.

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## AT HIS FATHER'S DESK.

**The Son of ex-Speaker Crisp Takes His Seat in Congress.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—Charles R. Crisp, of Georgia, son and successor of the late ex-Speaker Crisp, was sworn in as a member of the House when the session opened to-day. A letter from Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, stated that Mr. Crisp had been chosen at the special election held on the 16th ultimo.

Mr. Dingley called attention to the fact that the letter was not in the usual form of credentials, but he readily yielded to the request of Mr. Turner that unanimous consent be given for administering the oath to Mr. Crisp. Mr. Turner added that the choice of Mr. Crisp to succeed his father had met with no opposition and was not contested in the election.

Unanimous consent having been given, Mr. Crisp, on the arm of Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Maddox, proceeded to the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office. He was greeted with hearty applause as he took his seat at the desk formerly occupied by his father.

Mr. McMillin called up the Senate bill for Government participation in the Tennessee centennial exposition, to be held next year at Nashville, Tenn. The measure carries \$100,000 for a Government exhibit, and \$50,000 for a federal building. Mr. Bailey interposed against bills of this character, and recited how they were rushed through Congress.

On the passage of the bill the House divided, 127 to 125, and Mr. Bailey made the point of no quorum, and the bill was passed by the foregoing vote.

The House, after a long debate, adopted a rule to give four days to the Pacific railroad funding bill, beginning on Thursday, January 7. Saturday, January 16, was fixed for eulogies on ex-Speaker Crisp.

At 5:10 the House adjourned.

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## THE QUEEN STARTS EAST.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani started for Boston to-night over the Southern Pacific, and will make a short stop at New Orleans. The de-throned monarch stated that when she arrived in Boston she would make public her plans. She has given up her intention of visiting London. But that Princess Kianlani will go to Boston to meet her.

## INDIANS SIGN A TREATY.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 19.—The Choctaw commission signed a treaty with the Dawes commission late last night. The treaty provides for allotment of lands, town sites, reserve of coal fields for Choctaw schools and relinquishment of tribal government within eight years.

## HE WANTS STATE BANKS.

Washington, Dec. 19.—William L. Royall, of Richmond, Va., addressed the House committee on banking and currency to-day in favor of a re-establishment of the State banking system. He argued that State banks were demanded by the South to secure a greater circulation of money and predicted that the silver question would cease to be agitated in the South if the State banks were restored.

## LODGE ROOMS ROBBED.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 19.—The robbery of the lodge rooms of three councils of the A. O. U. E. of this city, by burglars, who worked like skilled mechanics, has just been discovered. Records and papers including about forty names of proposed members were taken. The records of other orders meeting in the same place were not taken.

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